

LAY SERMONS--No. 8.

BY SOLOMON SIMPSON.

Ye shall not surely die--Gen. 3: 4.

That was a barefaced, flat footed lie. There was not, is not, and cannot be a single word of truth in it. It was a lie in the beginning, it was put down in the bible as a lie, and it will remain a lie, though all the world should believe it to be a truth. And yet that foolish young woman, Mrs. Eve, believed every word of it. And her foolish children, grand-children, and great-grand children, down to the present outlandish generation, have believed it also. And great, grow-up men, who ought to know better, have believed it, for no other reason in the world, than because the grand great-grand mother of all the living, like an old simpleton as she was, put a little more confidence in the devil than was either safe or expedient. In this respect, my beloved fellow-sinners, we have all followed the example of Adam, in never pausing to examine the matter for ourselves, but doing just as the fair daughters of Eve tell us. And it follows from this, that the greatest misfortune that has ever fallen upon the world, was the introduction of woman into it--because, if there had been no woman to begin with, there would have been no children, and no nothing. In that case, we could all spend our time in the saloons, and groceries, and stay out all night, and serve the devil generally, without any to molest or make us afraid.

But as the matter now stands, we must get along the best way we can, until we can find a world to suit us better. And the first thing to be done, is to set our faces like flint against all the inventions of the old father of lies, and especially against all the flat contradictions of the solemn declaration of God--especially when our own experience confirms his utterances.

In the absence of grace to help us along, our best policy is to exercise our reason. And there is more truth than poetry, in the old maxim that "honesty is the best policy." Disinterested benevolence, so far as the unregenerated are concerned, is entirely out of the question. Selfishness is the principle to which I must appeal, to keep my beloved hearers out of difficulty. And it is suspected by some, that both the promises and threatenings of the Bible are adapted to a general love of happiness and dread of misery. All worldly-minded people prefer happiness to misery, and every act of their lives is performed expressly with a view to securing the one, and avoiding the other. And still, in a great many instances, we commit the egregious error of doing wrong for the sake of securing enjoyment. This accounts for the fact that the world--by which I mean the people of the world--is ten times worse than it ought to be, or than would be for its interest. The people seek for happiness, but commit the error of thinking that it can be secured by a violation of the eternal laws by which the universe is governed.

Beloved--the fact is that no violation of the law of God can escape the penalty. This certainty is the criterion by which we determine what is right, and what is wrong. That which promotes happiness is right--that which causes misery is wrong. And the only reason why so many of us serve the devil, is, we are shortsighted, as to the consequences of our actions. Be entreated to do the best you can, as prompted by your own selfishness. You have no claims upon the blessings of heaven, because you are wicked; and no right to anticipate good by your adroitness in escaping hell, for half of you don't believe in it. There is no alternative left, but to do all the good we can on earth, from the well-founded conviction that in keeping the commandments, there is a great reward. Amen.

HOW TO PREVENT BIRDS FROM PULLING UP CORN.

As it will soon be time to plant corn, I thought I would give you the method practiced by farmers in this neighborhood to prevent birds from pulling it up, viz: With a bushel of seed mix about one pint of tar, which is done by putting it in a tight vessel, and pouring the tar over it; then put on water warm enough to partially melt the tar; stir up with a stick, drain off the water, and mix in enough lime, plaster or ashes, or a mixture of all three, to dry the corn and prevent it from sticking to the hands while planting.

It can be done in fifteen minutes, unless you wish to soak the corn; if you do, let it soak in the tar-water.

The birds after trying a bill or two, and finding the tar very unpalatable, they let it alone. Even the hens, after getting a taste, give it up as a bad job, and I have never known or heard of corn treated in this way being injured by the worms.

By this method, farmers may save themselves the trouble of putting up scare-crows, which certainly add nothing to the looks of the field.

SUGAR PIE.--The Ohio Cultivator has this recipe for a pie:--Cover your pan with good paste, spread over it a layer of sweet butter, then sugar enough to cover the bottom; then pour in a half a pint of cream, in which a table spoonful of flour has been first stirred, and it is ready for the oven.

BETTER THAN SUGAR CURED HAMS.--Pack the hams or shoulders, in the case, without any salt; make a brine strong enough to bear up a potatoe, as large as a man's fist, the size of a half-dollar, boil and skim the brine, and pour it boiling hot on the meat. Let the meat remain covered with brine from three to six weeks, according to the size of the hams, when they may be taken up and smoked. Saltpetre may be used or not, it is immaterial. Such hams are palatable and safe to keep. Ohio Farmer.

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